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SUBJECT:PRICE INFORMATION ON MILITARY AIRCRAFT

1. REGRET WE HAVE BEEN UNABLE TO OBTAIN PRICE INFO ON A-4S AND F-5S FOR AMBASSADOR'S MEETING WITH PERMSEC KIEREINI. WILL CONTINUE TO FOLLOW UP AND PROVIDE WHEN AVAILABLE. HOWEVER, IN VIEW OF OUR EFFORTS TO PUT TOGETHER PROPOSED MILITARY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM, WE WONDER IF DISCUSSION OF PRICE BY EMBASSY MIGHT BETTER BE PUT OFF TO LATER DATE.

2. MEANWHILE, WE NOTE THAT MCDONNELL DOUGLAS REP JAMES DONAHUE DUE IN NAIROBI FEB 21 (STATE 20192). HE SHOULD BE ABLE TO SUPPLY INFO ON A-4S. IN ADDITION NORTHROP REPS ROBERT GATES AND WILLIAM ROTHWELL DUE IN NAIROBI FEB 18 (STATE 025851). THEY WILL HAVE INFO ON NEW F-5S, BUT PROBABLY NOT ON EARLIER MODELS. HOWEVER, IT SHOULD BE NOTED THESE ARE PRIVATE COMMERCIAL FIRMS SELLING AIRCRAFT, WHICH MAY OR MAY NOT BE BEST SUITED TO KENYA'S DEFENSE NEEDS.

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3. WE ARE CURRENTLY REVIEWING WORLD-WIDE AVAILABILITY OF

F-5AS AND F-5ES AND HOPE HAVE FURTHER INFORMATION SOON. INGERSOLL

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